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1. DCM HAD OPPORTUNITY DEC 16 DEBRIEF SWEDISH EMBOFF KRISTER ELM (PROTECOBL WHO HAD JUST BEEN TO ERITREAN REFUGEE CAMP WAD AL-HILWI, 45 KM FROM ETHIOPIAN BORDER NEAR GEDAREF. HE SAID THERE NO OUTWARD EVIDENCE RECENT CLASHES OR PRESENCE OF ARMS. NEVERTHELESS, THERE WERE REPORTS ARMS BEING SENT TO ERITREAN REBELS VIA WAD AL-HILWI CAMP. THOUGH SITUATION NOT TENSE, THERE SOME DEGREE CAUTION AND CONCERN EVIDENT AMONG ERITREAN REFUGEES.

2. ELM SAID THERE 30,000 REFUGEES IN WAD AL-HILWI, AS MANY AS HALF ETHNIC NIGERIANS (HAUSA) WHO ORIGINALLY SETTLED IN ERITREA AND RECENTLY FLD TO SUDAN WHERE THEY NOW WISH REMAIN. SOME TIGRE REFUGEES ALSO PRESENT. AT TIMES THERE ARE CLASHES BETWEEN ERITREAN AND NIGERIAN REFUGEES IN CAMP. HE ALSO SAID PLF FOREIGN MISSION (OSMAN SALEH SABBE GROUP) HAS SCHOOL AT WAD AL-HILWI ATTENDED BY 1,500 STUDENTS. THOUGH THIS SUGGESTS GROUP HAS CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL,
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ELM SAID IT GENERALLY NOT TAKEN SERIOUDLY BY ERITREANS AT CAMP.

3. ELM SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OR DISCUSSION OF ANY RECENT BORDER CLASHES INVOLVING ANSAR IN ETHIOPIA. AS NOTED PARA 1 CFTEL, WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORTS THAT RAID AGAINST ANSAR CAMP

IN ETHIOPIA TOOK PLACE, ALTHOUGH WE NOW UNDERSTAND ATTACKERS
WERE ERITREAN FORCES WHO MAY HAVE BEEN ACTING AT SUGGESTION
SUDANESE AUTHORITIES, NO DISGUISED SUDANESE TROOPS. BREWER

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